

## BOARD REPORTS GENEVA CRUELTY

Mrs. Ophelia Amigh Shown to Have Employed "Strong Chair" and Rawhide.

### ALSO EXPENDED FUNDS

Charged With Awarding Contracts for Supplies Without Competition.

Springfield, Ill., July 8.—The resignation of Ophelia L. Amigh, late managing officer of the State Training School for Girls at Geneva, Ill., was explained last night by a statement made public by the state board of administration. The resignation was requested for alleged misconduct and violation of rules of the board.

Among the charges found by the board are:

Purchasing furniture without lawful right.

Awarding contracts without competition.

Use of the "strong chair."

Use of a rawhide in punishing girls.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The statement of the board in part, which has been incorporated in the records of the department, is as follows:

"1. For a period covering some months before her resignation as such officer she repeatedly ignored and violated the revised statutes laws of 1903 in making purchases of merchandise for the institution amounting to considerable sums to be paid out of institution funds without authority, then, and after being admonished and directed by the board, to desist from such unlawful practices.

"2. Building contracts are to be made under the laws governing such matters only by this board upon compliance with the regulations intended to safeguard the expenditure of public funds. The outgoing managing officer has violated this law by assuming to contract for repairs and construction aggregating some thousands of dollars without any authority under such law to do so, and procuring persons to enter upon the performance of such unauthorized contracts. In one instance an unauthorized undertaking on her part called for the expenditure of \$3,000.

BOUGHT PIANO; NOT AUTHORIZED.

"3. Many months prior to such resignation and contrary to the directions of this board she purchased a piano after expressly forbidding to do so by this board, and undertaking to pay for the same out of the appropriation for the school. When such payment was refused by the board the managing officer thereupon, without the knowledge of such board, and contrary to law and her official duties, paid for such property out of the members' trust fund.

"4. Under the changed conditions made by the charities law of 1903 such managing officer has by many and repeated acts shown an indisposition to comply with the law or the reasonable regulation of this board made in pursuance thereof, and has failed and neglected to adapt herself to such changed conditions to that marked degree which leads this board to conclude she was unable or unwilling to do so.

"5. The discipline of the members of the school had reached a point under the outgoing managing officer

where it could properly be designated as cruelty and unreasonable correction. At least two features of such discipline of physical correction sustained this view.

#### STRONG CHAIR IS USED.

"(A). The use of what was known as the 'strong chair' in the discipline and punishment of girls. This chair is claimed by the outgoing managing officer to be her invention. It was a combination between a ducking stool and the New England stocks. It was so made that a girl could be bound in it and made unable to use her limbs, hands or feet, and such confinement had reached a degree of restraint which in the opinion of this board justified its condemnation and discontinuance.

"(b). The flogging of girls in the school was inflicted in such a way and to such a degree with such instruments as lead this board to the conclusion that it constituted cruelty and that the

outgoing officer was instrumental in and had personal knowledge of such physical correction.

#### RAWHIDE WHIP USED.

"One rawhide whip two feet in length from tip to tip, one and five-eighths inches in circumference and over half an inch in diameter, and one other rawhide whip twenty inches in length, two and one-half inches in circumference and three-quarters of an inch in diameter, were the instruments used in such floggings. Both whips bear evidence of much use. The end of the shorter but thicker whip bears evidence of having been worn out in use.

"The outgoing managing officer admitted using these whips herself and causing others to use them in the punishment of the inmates. These whips are now on file in the office of this board. The 'strong' chairs were broken up and destroyed at the institution by the committee of this board which investigated the matter.

CLAIM PUNISHMENT AUTHORIZED.

"6. When reminded of such misconduct in office she sought to justify her

self by claiming she had authority from the individual members of the board therefor in conversations held with them. In every alleged conversation she had been expressly contradicted by the member or members of the board concerned.

"The board states upon the unanimous authority of all its members that no political influence and no effort by any politician or other person concerned in the state government or in party affairs has influenced or attempted to influence the board in its request for the resignation of such managing officer.

"All the influence that has been brought to bear upon any members has without exception been to reconsider its action and reinstate her as such managing officer. No political consideration of any kind caused the resignation for her resignation."

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## Churches

There will be communion and Lord's supper services tomorrow at Broadway Presbyterian church. The pastor's sermon theme will be "Rest in the Lord." The evening service will be on the church lawn. W. C. Robb will deliver an address on "The English Bible" at the service at South Park chapel in the evening.

The church of the brethren of Dunkards will hold its regular meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 in the Union Congregational church at Forty-first street and Third avenue. Moine Rev. D. E. Eschelman of Lowpoint, Ill., will preach on "Seeking the Lost."

Trinity Episcopal church, Nineteenth street and Sixth avenue. Rev. Granville H. Sherwood, rector. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 7:30 and 10:45 a. m.

Zion Swedish Lutheran, Forty-fifth street and Seventh avenue. Rev. N. J. Forsberg, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "Christ's Power to Save." Evening theme, "Why Doctrine and Life Should Correspond One With the Other."

German Evangelical, Ninth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues. Rev. F. J. Rolf, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Grace English Lutheran, corner Forty-fourth street and Seventh avenue. Rev. Ira O. Nothstein, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Morning theme, "The Test of Conscience." Evening, "The Message of the Flowers."

First Swedish Lutheran, corner Fourteenth street and Fourth avenue. Rev. S. G. Haglund, pastor. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

German Lutheran, corner Twentieth street and Fifth avenue. Rev. Ph. Wilhelm, pastor. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Regular meeting in the afternoon at 2:30.

Memorial Christian, corner Third avenue and Fifteenth street. Rev. E. T. McFarland, pastor. Graded bible school at 9:30 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:30 p. m. and Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Second Christian, corner Sixth street and Thirteenth avenue. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Ross B. Richhart, superintendent. Services at 10:15.

Third Christian, Fourteenth avenue and Thirtieth street. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Dr. J. H. Nichols, superintendent. Bible school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 7:30 p. m.

Central Presbyterian, corner Twelfth street and Eleventh avenue. Rev. Marion Humphreys, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:00. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning theme, "The Just Suffering for the Unjust." Evening, "Sin's Weakening Grip."

Alken street chapel, Alken street, South Rock Island. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. J. H. Cleland, superintendent. Emeritus. J. M. Bond, superintendent.

Broadway Presbyterian, corner of Twenty-third street and Seventh avenue. Rev. W. S. Marquis, pastor; Rev. W. G. Oglevee, assistant. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Services at 10:45

a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Young People's meeting at 6:45. Theme, "Rest in the Lord." Open air service in the evening.

South Park Presbyterian, corner of Thirtieth street and Fifteenth avenue. In connection with Broadway Presbyterian church. Rev. W. G. Oglevee, pastor. Sunday school at 2:30. Young People's meeting and evening service at 7:30 o'clock, led by W. C. Robb. Theme, "The English Bible."

United Presbyterian, Third avenue and Fourteenth street. Rev. J. L. Vance, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Young People's meeting at 6:30. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. The Rev. W. L. Chisholm of McClellan Heights will preach at evening service.

First Methodist, corner Fifth avenue and Nineteenth street. Rev. T. E. Newland, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Epworth league at 6:45 p. m. Morning theme, "Practicing the Presence of Christ."

Spencer Memorial Methodist, corner Forty-third street and Seventh avenue. Rev. F. E. Shult, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "After God's Own Heart." Evening theme, "God's Requirements."

German Methodist, corner Fourteenth street and Sixth avenue. Rev. William Schoenig, pastor. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Free Methodist, Ninth avenue and Fifteenth street. Rev. H. C. Willing, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Wyman A. M. E. Mission, Thirteenth street and Fifth avenue. Rev. S. McDowell, pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

First Baptist, corner Third avenue and Fifteenth street. Rev. H. W. Reed, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m. Services at 10:45 Dr. C. E. Taylor will preach.

Second Baptist, corner Tenth street and Sixth avenue. Rev. J. K. Swain, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.

Swedish Baptist, corner Twenty-first street and Fifth avenue. Rev. D. Holmberg, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Edgewood Baptist, corner Forty-fourth street and Fifth avenue. Sunday school at 9:15; Joe Willmer, superintendent.

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic, Twenty-eighth street and Fifth avenue. Rev. J. F. Lockney, pastor. Day school at 9:45. Joe Wellner, superintendent.

St. Paul's Belgian Roman Catholic, Twenty-fourth street and Eighth and a-half avenue. Mass at 8 and 10 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Vespers at 3.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic, corner of Fourth avenue and Twentieth street. Father Adolph Geyer, pastor. Mass at 8 and 10:30 a. m. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic, cor-

ner Second avenue and Fourteenth street. Dean J. J. Quinn, rector; Rev. William P. Cleary, assistant. Masses at 7:30, 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:10 a. m.

West End Sunday school, 700 Sixth street. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. W. B. Barker, superintendent.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 829 Twenty-third street. Services Sunday at 10:45 a. m. Subject for morning service, "Sacrament." Sunday school following morning service. Wednesday evening testimonial service at 7:45. Reading rooms in the church open daily except Sunday from 2 to 4 p. m. The public is cordially invited to all services.

Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints (Utah Mormons), 1 O. F. hall in London building. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Preaching service at 2:15 p. m. John Frank, presiding elder.

### Bishop Walden's 50 Years in Ministry

Fifty odd years in the service of the Master through the channels of Methodism, is the record of Bishop John M. Walden of Cincinnati, who has been visiting in Rock Island. The bishop has seen four score years of life and still is able to accomplish a great deal of work, as his physical vigor and mental and moral condition is still unimpaired by age. It was just 52 years ago that John M. Walden, then a circuit rider in territory around Cincinnati and Miss Martha Young were united in marriage at Cheviot, Ohio.

In the year of their marriage, the third of July fell on Sunday and after the conclusion of the evening service which was conducted by a presiding elder of the church, the marriage was performed in the presence of the audience which had assembled for worship. The couple, attended by relatives of the bride, walked up the aisle while the congregation was singing a hymn. The presiding elder read the simple marriage service, the vows were taken and the couple left the edifice through a rear passage. Another hymn was sung and the congregation was dismissed in the usual way and were then free to discuss the marriage of the youthful minister and his bride.

Cincinnati and the surrounding districts have ever been the home of John M. Walden and though he has been sent as a general superintendent into Mexico, South America, Europe and Asia, as well as to every mission and conference in the United States, he has ever returned to that city. He has been a pastor, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid association, publishing agent and general superintendent during his ministry and has done much good in the community and in the Methodist church. His application to detail and his ability to scent public need

in books, papers and other publications, have placed the great value upon his service.

It was in the year 1858 that he began his career in the ministry after having devoted some time to journalism and politics. He began as pastor at a church in North Bend, Ohio and two years later accepted the pastorate of the York Street church in Cincinnati. During the war he ministered a home-guard and defended the city with his regiment against the inroads of John Morgan and his band. The title of "Colonel" is rightly his, but the more dignified title of "bishop" has ever crowded it into the background. In 1864 he was voted the editorship of the Daily Advocate by the general conference and four years later as one of the publishing agents of the Western Methodist Book concern. For 16 years he directed the publication of that instrument. In 1884 he was made bishop and in his years of service in that capacity has been president and has administered the affairs of each conference and mission in the United States at least once and many of them two and three times. His work in China and the subsequent treatise on the work in that country have taken prominent place in his work. His work for the negro will be a lasting monument to his memory.

And so fifty-two years ago Bishop John M. Walden and his bride left Cheviot, Ohio on their honeymoon which extended as far north as St. Paul, and from that point along the Mississippi and back to his home in Ohio.

The bishop may be found any day while he is in Cincinnati working in the publication office and he works as hard as any man. Age apparently causes no diminution on his mental acumen or physical vigor.

#### At the Y. M. C. A.

The subject for the boys' meeting at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon is "Out Camping With the Israelites," being a study of the camp life of this ancient nation in the days when they lived in tents. The meeting is at 2:30, and is open to all boys.

#### Boys Have Swim.

The Y. M. C. A. boys had their regular trip to the canal for a swim yesterday afternoon, about the usual number going. The water was fine. The next swim will be on next Tuesday afternoon, leaving the building at 2 o'clock.

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